

2009 KANSAS SUNFLOWER COUNTY ESTIMATES

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2009 Kansas Sunflower Production Down 12 Percent from 2008

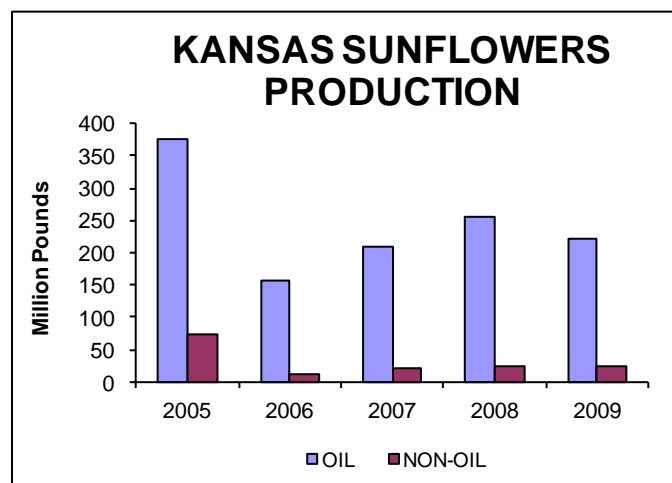
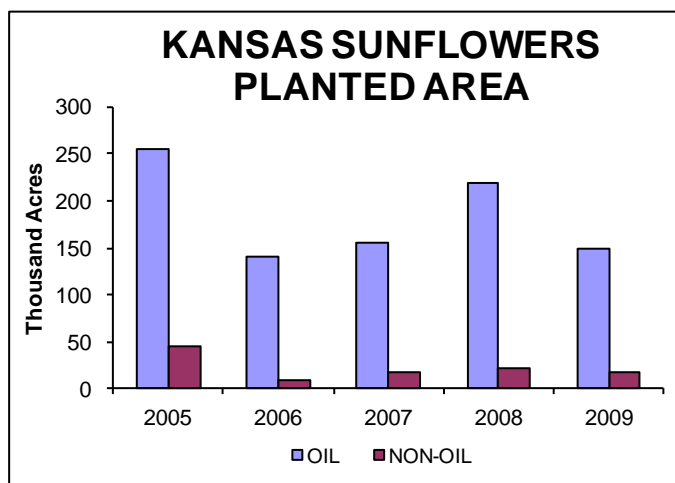
The 2009 Kansas All sunflower crop, at 245.2 million pounds, was down 12 percent from last year, due to a significant drop in the number of acres planted. The total acreage planted was 168,000 acres, down 73,000 acres from 2008. Harvested acres, down 31 percent from 2008, totaled 155,000 acres. The State average yield of 1,582 pounds per acre was up 337 pounds from 2008 and a record yield.

Oil-type sunflowers continue to dominate Kansas sunflower production. In 2009, 90 percent of the planted sunflowers acreage were oil-type varieties. Planted acreage was 150,000 acres and harvested acreage was 140,000 acres. Yields averaged 1,580 pounds per acre, up 340 pounds from the previous year and a

record yield. The total production of oil-type sunflowers, at 221.2 million pounds, was down 13 percent from 2008. The Northwest District was the top producing District in the State, with 67.8 million pounds. This was the highest average yield with 2,190 pounds per acre, which was a record yield. The North Central District produced 43.4 million pounds, with an average yield of 1,610 pounds.

Non-oil or confectionary type sunflowers were planted on 18,000 acres and the harvested area totaled 15,000 acres. Yield, at 1,600 pounds per acre, was 300 pounds higher than the 2008 yield. Production totaled 24.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2008.

NOTE: The County Estimates are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ks>.



Oil Sunflowers ¹

County and District	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield, Pounds per Acre	Production, Pounds
Rawlins	3,400	3,200	2,120	6,789,000
Other Counties	29,600	27,800	2,190	61,011,000
Northwest	33,000	31,000	2,190	67,800,000
Finney	1,400	1,400	1,890	2,650,000
Hamilton	2,800	2,300	1,280	2,941,000
Stevens	4,700	4,400	1,430	6,274,000
Other Counties	12,100	10,900	1,630	17,755,000
Southwest	21,000	19,000	1,560	29,620,000
Jewell	4,300	4,000	1,420	5,673,000
Other Counties	24,700	23,000	1,640	37,727,000
North Central	29,000	27,000	1,610	43,400,000
South Central	20,000	19,000	1,240	23,500,000
Brown	1,600	1,600	850	1,358,000
Nemaha	2,100	1,900	930	1,776,000
Other Counties	1,800	1,700	1,320	2,246,000
Northeast	5,500	5,200	1,030	5,380,000
Other Districts	41,500	38,800	1,330	51,500,000
STATE	150,000	140,000	1,580	221,200,000

Non-Oil Sunflowers ¹

County and District	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield, Pounds Per Acre	Production, Pounds
Thomas	3,700	3,100	2,050	6,340,000
Other Counties	5,300	4,200	1,480	6,220,000
Northwest	9,000	7,300	1,720	12,560,000
Other Districts	9,000	7,700	1,490	11,440,000
STATE	18,000	15,000	1,600	24,000,000

¹ Some districts and counties are not published due to insufficient or confidential data.